# Al Khalifatul Mahdi

## INTRODUCTION

All Praise is due to Allaah, the All-Wise, who sent the Last and Final Nabi and Rasul, Hadhrat Muhammad (Sallallaahu-alayhi-Wasallam) who brought the final Shariat and who was blessed with the Last and Complete Kitaab-al-Qur'aan. Salutations upon the Sahabah (companions) of Rasulullaah(Sallallaahu-alayhi-Wasallam) who accepted, preached and preserved the perfect Deen-al-Islaam.

There are many things which Allaah disclosed and made apparent to His Ambiyaa(A.S.). There are also many things which Allaah, through His great Wisdom and Foresight, did not disclose to even the Ambiyaa(A.S.). One of these things is the exact day on which Qiyaamat will take place.

However, since this occurence is so important to the Muslims living in every era, many signs have been mentioned which would indicate to the people that the Day of Qiyaamah is close at hand. Among these , one of the major signs is the coming of Mahdi.

This belief conforms to the beliefs of the Ahle-Sunnat Wal Jamaat, but many ignorant people deny the coming of Hadhrat Mahdi. Regarding this belief, the commentary of "Aqaaidul Saranii" states :
**"the narrations concerning the coming of Mahdi are so many that the meaning has reached the status of 'tawaatur' (continuous)..........Thus according to the elucidation by the Ulemah and the belief of the Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat, it is necessary to have faith in the coming of Mahdi."** (Sharh Aqaaidul Saranii Pg 79/80) The same is stated by Hafez Suyuti, Qazi Shaukaani, Sheikh Ali Muttaqi and Hafez Ibne Taymiyyah(R.A.). (see Mukhtassar Minhaj Pg 534)

In this publication, we present thirty seven Ahaadith compiled by Hadhrat Moulana Hussein Ahmad Madani(R.A.) in his book "Al Khalifatul Mahdi fil Ahaadith Sahih". The details of the 'matn'(text) and 'isnad'(chain of narrators) can be found in the original.We make duaa that Allaah saves us from disbelief, conjecture, confusion and from the trials and tribulations of the times.

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## AL-KHALIFATUL MAHDI IN AUTHENTIC AHADITH

1. Abdullaah ibn Masud (RadhiAllaahu-anhu), reported that Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: AThe world shall not pass until a man of my house rules over the Arabs. His name will be similar to my name@. [Tirmidhi]

2. Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Masud (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reported that the Blessed Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "If

only one day of this world remains Allaah Ta'aala would lengthen that day so that he(Mahdi) may govern and rule". [Abu Dawood]

3. Hadhrat Ayesha (RadhiAllaahu-anha) reported that the Blessed Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "A group of people would seek protection in this house, the Kabaah. They will have nobody to help and protect them. They will not be large in number, nor will they have any weapons. An army would be sent to fight (and kill) them. And when they reach an open(plain) ground, the army would be swallowed into the ground". In another report Hadhrat Ayesha (RadhiAllaahu-anha) reported that: "The Rasul of Allaah Ta'aala was restless in his sleep. We said, 'O Rasul of Allaah you have done something in your sleep which you never did before'. Thereupon he said: 'It is strange that some people of my Ummah would attack the Kabaah to kill a person who would belong to the tribe of the Quarish and he would try to seek protection in the Kabaah. When they reach an open and plain ground they would be sunk into the earth'. We said, 'O Rasul of Allaah Ta'aala, all sorts of people use and travel upon the path'. Thereupon he said. 'Yes, there would be amongst them people who would come with definite intention. Others would be forced - others would be travellers, but they would all be destroyed by one stroke of destruction, and they would be raised in different states (on the day of Qiyamah). Allaah Ta'aala will raise them according to their intentions". [Muslim]

4. Abu Nadrah reports that they were in the company of Hadhrat Jabir ibn Abdullaah (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) when he said that it(the time) is certainly near when no dirham and no Mudd(measure of food stuffs) will be sent to the people of Shaam (Syria). We asked who would be responsible for that. He said that this ban would be made by the Romans. He (Jabir) kept quiet for a while and then reported that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: " There would be a Khalif in the last period of my Ummah who would freely give handfuls of wealth to the people without counting. " [Muslim]

5. Abdullaah ibn Masud (RadhiAllaahu-anhu), reports that the Blessed Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said :" "If only one day of this world remains, Allaah would lengthen that day till He raised a man who belongs to me or my family whose name would be similar to my name and his father's name similar to my father's name. He will fill the earth with equity and justice as it has been filled with oppression and tyranny."According to Sufyan's version," The world will not pass until the Arabs are ruled by a man of my family whose name would be similar to mine". [Abu Dawood]

6. Hadhrat Ali (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reports from Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) saying: "If only one day of this time - world - remains Allaah would raise a man from my family who would fill this earth with justice as it has been filled with oppression. [Abu Dawood]

7. Umme Salmah (RadhiAllaahu-anha) reports that I heard Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) saying "Mahdi will be of my family (progeny) of the descendents of Faatimah (RadhiAllaahu-anha). [ Abu Dawood ]
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8. Abu Saeed Khudri (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said:" Mahdi will be of my family, (he) will have a broad forehead and a long high bridge - large - nose. He will fill the earth with equity and justice as it was filled with oppression and tyranny, and he will rule for seven years. [Abu Dawood]

9. Umme Salamah (RadhiAllaahu-anhu), reports that the Blessed Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said:"There will be differences at the time of the death of a Khalif. Then a man of the inhabitants of Madinah will come out ( appear, escape, run away )to Makkah. Some people of Makkah will come to him and take him out though he will be unwilling. Then they will pledge allegiance to him between the corners of the Kabaah (Hajre Aswad) and the Maqaam-e-Ibraahim. An army from Syria will be sent to fight him (Mahdi). They will sink to the ground in an open plain ground between Makkah and Madinah. When the people see this happening, the eminent saints of Syria and a group of inhabitants of Iraq will come to him and swear allegiance to him. Then will rise a man from the Quaraish whose maternal uncles belong to the Kalb tribe. He will send against them (people of Syria) an expeditionary force which will overcome them. This is the expedition of Kalb. Disappointment will be for that person who does not receive the booty of Kalb. He (Mahdi) will then distribute the wealth. He will then govern the people according to the ways of the Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam), and establish Islaam on earth. He will live for seven years and then die, and the Muslims will perform his Janaazah. (Some authorities transmitted from Hishaam, state seven years and others nine years. ). [Abu Dawood)

10. The above mentioned Hadith has also been reported (transmitted) by Qatadah through a different chain of narrators as nine years.

[Abu Dawood]

11. Abu Dawood reported : Abu Ishaaq said that Ali (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) looked at his son Al Hasan (RadhiAllaahu-anhu), and remarked. This son of mine is a Sayyid who was named by the Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam), and soon from his loins will come forth (be born) a man who will be called by the name of your Nabie (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam), and will resemble him in conduct but not in appearance. He then mentioned about his filling the earth with justice. [Abu Dawood]

12. It has been narrated from Abu Ishaaq that Hadhrat Ali (RadhiAllaahu-anhu), while looking at his son Hasan, said, " Indeed this son of mine is a Sayyid just as the Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) named him and a man will emerge from his progeny who will be named the name of your Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam). He will resemble him in character but not in appearance. Then he mentioned about filling the earth with justice. [Abu Dawood]

13. Umme Salmah (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) said: Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: Allegiance will be made to a man from my Ummah between the corner of the Kabaah (Hajre Aswad) and Maqame Ebrahim. Their number would be the number of the people of Badr. Thereafter people of Iraq and eminent saints of Syria will approach him (meet him). Thereafter an army from Syria will come to attack them until they reach an open space (between Makkah and Madinah) where they will be swallowed up. Then a man from the Quaraish whose maternal uncle comes from the tribe of Kalb will march to Syria and Allaah will defeat them. It has also been mentioned that the unsuccessful person on that day would be the person who would be deprived of the booty of Kalb. [Al-Mustadrakh-al-Hakim].

14. It is reported from Abu Huraira (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: " The deprived (unfortunate) person is he who is deprived of the booty of Kalb even if it be a cord (used for hobbling the feet of a camel), by that Being who holds my life in His hands. " [Ibid]

15. Hadhrat ibn Abi Rabia and Abdullaah ibn Safwan both went to Umme Salamah (RadhiAllaahu-anha) and asked her about the army which would be swallowed into the earth, and this was during the days of Ibn Zubair (Governor of Makkah). She reported that Allaah=s Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "That a seeker of refuge would seek refuge in the Sacred House. An army would be sent to kill him and when it would enter (reach) a plain open ground it would

be swallowed up. " I said: " O Rasul of Allaah, what about that person who was forced to join and come with this army, upon which he replied: " He too would be swallowed into the earth with the others but he would be raised on the Day of Judgement according to his intention. [Ibid]

16. It is reported from Nabie (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) through the same chain of Imaan Hafees Abu Abdullaah (RadhiAllaahu-anhu), that the Rasul of Allaah (Sallallaahu Alayhiwasallam) said. "The days and nights would not end until a man from my family will govern. His name will be similar to my name and his father's name will be similar to my father=s name. He will fill this earth with justice and honesty, just as it has been filled with oppression and injustice. " [Ibid]

17. Saeed ibn Samaan (RA) reports that he heard Abu Huraira (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) mentioning to Abu Qatadah (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) that Rasul (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "Allegiance will be pledged to a man between the corner of the Kaabah (Hajre Aswad) and Maqame Ebrahim. [Ibid]

18. Jabir Ibn Abdullaah (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) said:" No dirham and Qafeez(currency) will come to the people of Iraq." They asked who was responsible for that: He replied: " The non Arabs would prevent (deprive) them. "Then he kept quiet for a while and said: "Soon no dirham and mudd (measure in Syria) will come to the people of Syria. They (those who were present) asked who would be responsible for this. He said:" This prevention would be made by the Romans." Then he (Jabir) said that (Rasulullaah SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said:" There would be a Khalif in the last period of my Ummah who would freely give handfuls of wealth without counting it." Then Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "By that Being who holds my life in His hands, the matter (Deen) will return to its original state. Total (Complete) Imaan and Islam will return to Madinah the way it prevailed there (Madinah). Then Jabir said again that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "No person would leave Madinah turning away from it except that person who would exchange it for a life better than it (Madinah); and some people would do ever well because of the cheap price of cultivated land in another area. So people would to flock to it while Madinah would be better for them if they but knew." [Ibid]

19. It has been narrated from Thaubaan (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) that Khalifs and the sons of the their Khalifs with black horses from the west side will fight such a battle that no nation has ever fought before. When you see him then swear

allegiance to him even though you have to crawl on ice. Verily he is the Khalif of Allaah the Mahdi". [Ibid]

20. It has been narrated from Abu Hurairah (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said that a man would emerge from the depths of Damascus. He will be called Sufyaani. Most of them who follow him would be from Kalb. He would kill by ripping the stomachs of women and would kill the children.A man from my family would appear in the Haraam and reach Sufyaani and send forth one of his armies. He would defeat them. They would then travel with whoever is with them until they come to a desert and they would be swallowed in. None will be saved except the one who had informed the others about them. [Ibid]

21. Abu Tufail (RA) narrates from Muhammad bin Hanafiyyah(RA). He said: "We were with Ali (RadhiAllaahu-anhu).Someone asked him about Mahdi. So Ali (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) sighed. Then he tied his hands in a seven and said: That will come in the end of time." When a person says "Allaah, Allaah", he will be killed. Then Allaah will gather for him a nation scattered like clouds. Allaah will create love in their hearts. They would not be afraid of anyone. They would not be pleased with anyone joining them, their number would be the number of companions in Badr. No one will surpass them and no one would catch them and they will be like the number of the companions of Taloot who crossed the river with him.

Ibn Hanafiyya asked:"Do you want him?. I replied: "Yes". He said ; Indeed he would come out ( from ) between those two mountains." I said: "I will not leave from here until I die." And he died there ( in Makkah). May Allaah safe-guard it. [Ibid]

22. Abu Saeed Khudri (RadhiAllaahu-anhu), reports :" Qiyamat would not come until the earth is filled with oppression, cruelty and enmity. Then a person from my family would appear who would fill this earth with justice and equity." [Ibid]

23. Abu Saeed Khudri (RadhiAllaahu-anhu), reports that Mahdi is from us, the Ahle Bait, with a high bridge, broad forehead. He will fill the earth with justice and equity just as it was filled with oppression and cruelty. He will live for so many years, and he indicated showing the five fingers of his left hand and the index finger and the thumb of his right hand. [Ibid]

24. Umme Salmah (RadhiAllaahu-anha), said that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) mentioned Mahdi and said: He

would be from the offspring of Faatimah (RadhiAllaahu-anha).

[Ibid]

25. Abu Saeed Khudri (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reports that: Mahdi would appear towards the latter part of this Ummah. Allaah Ta=aala will send down abundant rain for him and the earth would sprout with vegetation and he would distribute the wealth equally. There would be plenty of livestock and the Ummah would be powerful and in huge numbers and he would live for seven or eight years. [Ibid]

26. Abu Saeed Khudri (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: " This earth would be filled with oppression and injustice when a man from my progeny (family) would appear and he would govern for seven or nine years. He would fill the earth with justice and equality just as it was filled with oppression and injustice." [Ibid]

27. Abu Saeed Khudri (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said:" I am giving you all good news about the advent of Mahdi. He would appear in my Ummah during that time when there will be a considerable controversies and confusion. He would fill the earth with justice and equality just as it is filled with oppression and injustices. The inhabitants of the heavens and earth would be pleased with him. He would distribute the wealth equally. One person asked the meaning of equally. He replied," Equally amongst the people". And Allaah Ta=aala would fill the hearts of the followers of Muhammad (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) and his (Mahdi) with wealth and justice will encompass them all so much so that the will instruct (command) a caller to call out: " Is there anyone who needs wealth ? " No one would stand up except one person and he would say, " I do" and he would be told to him , " You are the treasurer. " [Ibid]

28. Umme Salmah (RadhiAllaahu-anha) said:" I have heard the Rasul of Allaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) saying: Disagreement will occur at the death of a Khalif. A man from Bani Hashim would appear. He will go to Makkah and the people will remove him out of his house against his will. They will swear allegiance to him between the Hajre

Aswad and the Maqame Ebrahim. An army from Syria would be sent against him but it will be swallowed up in an open space (between Madinah and Makkah). Then the people of Iraq and eminent Saints of Syria will come to him. Then a man from Syria whose maternal uncle comes from to the Kalb (tribe) will rise (appear). An army would get ready against him and Allaah will defeat them such that the misfortune would be upon them, and that would be the day of Kalb. The unfortunate person is that person who is deprived of the booty of Kalb. Thereafter, the treasuries would be opened and he (Mahdi) wil distribute the wealth and spread Islaam to the far corners of the earth. The people will live under these Islaamic conditions for seven or nine years. [Ibid]

29. Abu Hurairah (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) said that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) mentioned (discussed) Mahdi (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam).He said that although his time will be short (seven or eight or nine years), he would surely fill the earth with justice just as it was filled with oppression and injustice. [Majmaul-Zawaid]

30. Jabir (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) said that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said that in the latter days, there would be a Khalif from my Ummah who would distribute wealth among the people without counting it. [Ibid]

31. Abu Huriarah (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: There would be in my Ummah the Mahdi (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam). Although his time would be short seven or eight or nine years- but my followers would live in comfort and luxury - a life they never enjoyed before this. The sky will shower abundant rain and the earth would not hold back any vegetation and treasures (wealth)." A person will stand up and say: "O Mahdi give me, " and he will say: " Take it. " [Ibid]

32. Hadhrat Ali (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reports from Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) : Al Mahdi (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) is from us (our family) the Ahle Bait. [Ibid]

33. The same as the above hadith with a different chain of narrators.
[Ibid]

34. Abdullaah Ibn Masood (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said:" The world shall not pass until Allaah raises a man from my family. His name will be similar to mine, his father=s name similar to my father's. "

[Musanif ibn Abu Razack]

35. Hadhrat Ali (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reports that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "If nothing remains of the time except one-day, Allaah Ta'aala will surely raise a man from my family who would fill the earth with justice just as it was filled with injustice. "

[Ibid]

36. Hadhrat Mujaheed (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) reports that a certain Sahabi of Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) reported to me ( that ):" Mahdi would not appear until an innocent (sinless) soul (person) is killed. When this innocent soul is killed, those who are in heaven and on the earth would be angry with them (the killers). At that time people would rush (hurry) to Mahdi like the bridegroom rushing to ( get to) his bride on her wedding night and he will fill the earth with justice and honesty (fairness) and the earth will produce all its vegetation and the sky will shower its water. My Ummah would then, during the rule of Mahdi , live a life of ease and comfort which they had never enjoyed before.
[Ibid]

37. Saeed ibn Salmaan (RA) said: I have heard Abu Hurairah (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) informing Abu Qatada (RadhiAllaahu-anhu) that Rasulullaah (SallAllaahu alayhi wasallam) spoke of a man who would be taken as a leader between the corners (Hajre Aswad and the Maqame Ebrahim).